

Named Acting Commander of Joliet Arsenal

Lt. Col. Ward C. Howard, 37, of Spokane, Wash., veteran of 39 months overseas duty in the Papuan, New Guinea and Philippine command during World War II, has been named acting commanding officer of the Joliet arsenal, following the departure of Col. Carroll Hudson, former C. O., for overseas duty.

Col. Hudson reported today at Fairfield-Suisun field, Calif., and left by plane for Manila where he has been assigned to the Philippine-Ryukyus command with the ordnance department. Col. Hudson had been commanding officer of the arsenal since Aug. 12, 1946. He is from South Pasadena, Calif., and left the arsenal earlier this month to visit with his family before departing for overseas.

COL. HOWARD entered the army in September, 1940 and went overseas in March, 1942, serving with the 41st division as ordnance officer during his entire foreign duty assignment. He returned States early in 1945 and was assigned as examining officer of the ordnance department, stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., prior to his assignment to Joliet arsenal in October, 1946 as examining officer.

He is the possessor of the Bronze Star medal, with Oak Leaf cluster for bravery and meritorious service in battle, and the Distinguished Unit citation.

Col. Howard's wife and child are residing here with him on the Kankakee Ordnance area of the reservation.